

daughter was watching on C-SPAN2 and said: I didn't even know Mom could juggle.

Being a legislative director and a staff director has cost her a lot of time from home. But she has been able to work her family life into her work schedule as the top priority that it needs to be. Now she will have more time to spend with her own team at home that needs her love and attention. Her husband David, along with her children Ellie and Cooper, have all been very supportive during her Senate years. She is now going to try something new, and once again her family will be there for her, supporting her, and providing the assistance she will continue to need as she pursues her new career.

It will be difficult to say goodbye to Katherine. When she leaves the Senate, she will be greatly missed. Someday soon, we will have found someone to take on the responsibilities that she leaves behind, but we will never be able to replace her. Her constant warm and genuine smile, her concern for all the people on her staff, and her unique ability to size up a political situation immediately upon contact—unmatched. She has been a tremendous addition to my personal and committee staffs, and we will miss her daily presence in our lives.

Like most offices, our staffs are more than our legislative teams, they are extended family. That will not change. She will forever be a member of the Enzi family—another daughter.

The Senate is a place to work unlike any other in the world. It welcomes only those with special skills and unique abilities and provides them with a tremendous opportunity to make this great Nation of ours a better place in which to live.

In the end, that will be Katherine's legacy after 17 years of service in the Senate. On my staff, and before that, serving with Senator Al Simpson and Senator RICHARD LUGAR, she has made the most of every opportunity she was given, and she can be proud of the record of success she has compiled over the years in every area of her life.

We know from the Bible that we chart our course in life in our hearts, but God directs our steps. God has directed these new steps in Katherine's life, and I know she will continue to make the most of every step that God moves her to take.

Good luck and God bless you and your family, Katherine. Don't forget us. We will not forget you. In fact, we are going to leave a light burning in a window of the Capitol dome so you can always find your way back home. Thanks for your years of service.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Utah.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, if I could make one comment. I have known Katherine for a long time. She is one of the truly great staffers on Capitol Hill.

I want you to know how much all of us have appreciated the work you do,

and with this great Senator you have been working for. I appreciate it.

Mr. President, the distinguished Senator from North Dakota has asked that I yield for a unanimous consent request, and then I would like to retain the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from North Dakota is recognized.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I thank the Senator from Utah. My understanding is the Senator from Utah will speak and the Senator from Rhode Island will be recognized. We will reconvene at 2:15 following the caucus. So I ask unanimous consent that I be recognized at 2:15 for 30 minutes in morning business.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Utah is recognized.

TRIBUTE TO PATRICIA KNIGHT

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I may need a little more than 10 minutes because this is an important speech for me.

I am grateful for the opportunity today to pay tribute to a wonderful woman, dedicated public servant, health policy expert and my chief of staff, Patricia Knight, or as many know her in the Senate—Trisha.

We were all sad to learn last week that, after over 34 years of public service, Trisha has decided to leave the Senate family at the end of the year, which in the arcane ways of the Senate could be any number of days between now and December 31. In fact, had I been able to convince her to stay until January 7, we would have been able to celebrate with her the 34th anniversary of her first job on Capitol Hill.

Trisha was born here in the District and grew up in Arlington. She progressed through Jamestown Elementary School, Williamsburg Junior High School and Yorktown High School. We like to kid her about the fact that this is the pathway that launched CBS newswoman Katie Couric.

When I first approached Trish about being my chief of staff, she quickly pointed out that she was not from Utah. However, always thinking on her feet, she rapidly concluded that graduating from Syracuse University, or Syracuse U, was close enough to 4 years in Syracuse Utah! And that became her story.

I might add that she graduated magna cum laude from Syracuse University, where she majored in anthropology and photojournalism, which makes her in my mind uniquely qualified to work in this body.

Trisha never intended to work on Capitol Hill. She is the daughter of a pair of Washington journalists, both deceased. But, I know they are watching over her and are very proud of what she has accomplished.

She always reminds the young people who come to work in my office that she got her first Federal job by walking up and down Constitution Avenue passing out resumes and the old Civil Service form SF-171.

She was initially hired as a temporary typist at the U.S. Department of Commerce, which it turned out was a lucky career start, because she found out later she had flunked the typing test but they hired her anyway.

That became her launching pad for work in the office of our former colleague, and then House member, Senator Jim Broyhill of North Carolina, the ranking Republican on the Energy and Commerce Committee.

He trained her well. She moved from caseworker, to legislative correspondent, to legislative assistant. I would like to say it was a meteoric rise—but in those days the average Hill staffer stayed more than 2 years. Trisha was there for almost 8 years—day, night, and many weekends.

I knew she would be a real asset to my staff because of her considerable government experience.

Before coming to the U.S. Senate, Trisha served in the executive branch for Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush. It is interesting that she worked at two cabinet agencies twice—the Commerce Department and Health and Human Services. The Cabinet secretaries she served include Richard Schweiker, Margaret Heckler, Otis Bowen, M.D., Lou Sullivan, M.D., and Bob Mosbacher.

Trisha is perhaps best known for her work at HHS—she served twice as a deputy assistant secretary at the Department of Health and Human Services and is considered by many as one of the top health policy experts in Washington, D.C. In that job, she was a line officer in the Public Health Service, as well as a staffer for the Secretary, and she worked for some of my favorite people—Dr. Ron Docksai, Dr. Bob Windom, and Dr. James O. Mason.

In addition to her work for Senator Broyhill when he served in the House, she has also served on the staff of the House Appropriations Committee, where she was minority clerk for the legendary Silvio Conte of Massachusetts on three appropriations bills: Commerce-State-Justice; Legislative Branch; and Foreign Operations.

I felt very fortunate when Trisha agreed to work in my office as a volunteer after the defeat of President George H.W. Bush. In fact, I tried to hire her the first week, but she flippanantly informed me I didn't have the budget to do it.

A few months later, I found that money, and she joined my health staff, rising quickly to become my health policy director.

She is one of the shrewdest, smartest, most effective legislative minds in the Senate. She deeply understands the legislative process and has cultivated relationships with health policy experts throughout this country and

around the world. She truly knows everyone and the proper way to get things done, on health care, and a whole range of issues. She has a rare combination of policy expertise and legislative know-how. In other words, she not only knows what to do, she knows how to make it happen. Those are rare qualities anywhere; certainly around here.

She is very proud of her work in Senate infrastructure development, including her active membership in the Senate Chief of Staff organization and its executive committee. She has been a real leader in that organization. She has worked hard to be a capable administrator and manager and to help develop our staff and our institutional knowledge.

She also takes pride in the young people whose careers she has helped launch on Capitol Hill. I often hear her tell young legislative staff—in the words of her good friend and mentor, Don Hirsch: “Read the bill,” as only she can say. I am a poor substitute.

The legislation she has worked on is really among the most important in my service on Capitol Hill. Trisha was by my side when we finally persuaded Congressman WAXMAN, Congressman DINGELL, and Senator KENNEDY to allow the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act to go through. The Governor of New Mexico, now running for President on the Democratic side, was my prime cosponsor on that bill.

It was a journey of several years. It was a legislative campaign that has served as the model for many pieces of legislation since. And, I might add, it was the only major health bill to be enacted in 1994, the year of President Clinton’s Health Security Act.

She was by my side in 1997, when Senator KENNEDY and I worked with Senators Chafee and ROCKEFELLER to enact the CHIP legislation in a record 144 days. People know how important that bill is. Virtually everybody in our society today recognizes the importance of the CHIP legislation. I know she had hoped to stay on and see the reauthorization finished this year, but we will do all we can to get it done next year. She has played a pivotal and extremely important role in that remarkable landmark legislation.

She has had an influential role in development of so many other pieces of law—reforming the Food and Drug export laws, allowing medical volunteers at Community Health Centers to be covered under the Federal Tort Claims Act, so many of the budget reconciliation bills, including the landmark Medicare Modernization Act, all of the major FDA bills we have considered in the past 2 decades, including the Prescription Drug User Fee Acts and the Medical Device User Fee Acts. That is only mentioning a few of the bills and mainly in the health care area—not counting all of the other areas where she has played a pivotal and very important role. She also served on the Judiciary Committee, where she worked

on nominations, patents and controlled substances issues, among many, many others.

This week, as she is delighted to note, she assisted in seeing the first bill she drafted pass unamended—legislation to rename the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development as the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. I think most people who really know, knew how close I am to Sargent and Eunice Kennedy Shriver and how much I love Eunice Kennedy Shriver. This woman has given so much to our country. Frankly, she is one terrific human being, as was her husband when he worked in so many positions in the Federal Government.

This was a bill that Trish drafted, helped to push through, along with myself, and I am really pleased that Eunice Kennedy Shriver will be memorialized. It is something she always took credit in—the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. She has worked with children all over the world and deserves that distinguished honor.

The list on and on. There are some that have not become law yet—and I know she regrets that—but I think we may still see the Knight agenda enacted. Two of these are allowing vitamins to be purchased with food stamps—a commonsense measure for good nutrition, and even more importantly, allowing FDA approval of biosimilars, my high priority.

Trish spearheaded for me the Kennedy-Hatch Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act of 2007, reported earlier this year by the HELP Committee.

Trisha also is a walking rolodex. She knows everyone—including just about every health policy expert in the country. When she made her announcement on Friday, a flurry of e-mails came into the office. I would like to share just a few of them which I think you will enjoy, and which show her true character.

One of my former staff directors for the Senate Labor Committee noted in response to her announcement:

I can’t believe you plan to hang up your whip. Ringmasters occasionally take breaks, but that doesn’t mean they quit the circus. Senator Hatch thinks the world of you, as do we all. Whatever your final decision, I hope it keeps you in public affairs.

One of Senator KENNEDY’s former staff directors said,

The planets are realigning. The tectonic plates of the earth are shifting. The sea is parting. The world will never be the same again.

Those Kennedy staffers always do go in for the hyperbole, don’t they? That is why they are so successful.

A leadership staffer noted:

It truly will be a loss to the whole Senate.

A Utah mayor and CEO told Patricia:

I cannot tell you how much we have appreciated your help. You will be sorely missed. Your ability to make a difference on Capitol

Hill is evident. You have been a great friend and ally. Your work ethic is unmatched by anyone I have seen on the Hill. When you combine that with your knowledge of key areas like HHS issues, you have been a very effective government operative.

A Utah political leader noted:

Trisha is the brightest political strategist I have known in all my years in politics. She has the ability to put together a long-term strategy to deal with a crisis before the crisis occurs. Her perspective and insight into issues is unsurpassed.

And one last example, a former Robert Wood Johnson fellow in my office noted:

You know, you were singlehandedly responsible for my whole perspective change on the reality of government and its operation . . . The amount of information you have in your mind, from your experiences, and all that you have done for others, is staggering.

You will always be a close and dear friend and my life/career has been better for knowing you in that role. No matter where you find yourself, my admiration and respect will only grow. While I was there (and since), you made sure that I had a life changing experience and got to see and hear it all.

People on the “outside” who deal with many, many congressional staff, hold Trisha in the highest regard—for her expertise, her masterful strategic thinking, and for her straightforwardness, scrupulous honesty and sense of fair play. But more importantly, they genuinely like her because she is, above all, a wonderful, generous person.

Over the years, Trisha has spent weeks traveling through Utah, meeting with county and city officials and getting a good feel for the issues and challenges Utahns are facing throughout our State. She has made it a point to get to know our great State and know it well. She brought to that task all she had learned in her government career, an experience that undoubtedly helped our State in innumerable ways. In fact, when he heard she was leaving, our House colleague, Representative CHRIS CANNON, said:

It is the State’s great loss.

Trisha has the love and respect of everyone in the Senate, in Utah and those whose lives she has touched.

I will always appreciate her wise counsel and deep commitment to me, to my staff and to the citizens of Utah. Her sense of humor has defused many a tense time.

Trisha has been my right hand for many, many years—indeed, she is my longest-serving chief of staff and I will miss her greatly. In fact, one wag blogged upon hearing this news in the Salt Lake Tribune—I hope when she leaves she’ll take HATCH with her. I thought that was a little coarse myself.

I ask unanimous consent that these articles be printed in the RECORD at this point.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Salt Lake Tribune, Dec. 15, 2007]
HATCH'S "RIGHT HAND" TO LEAVE BY YEAR'S
END

(By Robert Gehrke)

Sen. Orrin Hatch's longtime chief of staff and policy adviser on health issues, Patricia Knight, will leave the senator's office before the end of the year, she said Friday.

Knight said she is leaving before a new law kicks in on Jan. 1, 2008, restricting congressional staffers from lobbying the chamber where they worked for two years. There is a one-year restriction in place now.

"It was extremely tough for me, but in the end I felt like I owed it to myself for my future development to not be limited," she said. "That's the only reason I'm doing it now. I love the job and Senator Hatch and working for the people of Utah."

Knight told the senator of her decision Thursday evening, she said, and Hatch announced her imminent departure during a staff meeting Friday morning.

"Trish has a reputation as one of the best senior legislative staff members of Capitol Hill. But those who know her well realize that she is the best on the Hill," Hatch said in a statement. "She's been my right arm for years and done more for the people of Utah and for this country than I think anyone will ever realize."

Hatch promoted Jace Johnson, his legislative director, to take over as chief of staff. Johnson, a graduate of Brigham Young University, has been with the senator for several years, working on issues including transportation, trade, welfare and telecommunications.

Knight was something of a character among the Senate chiefs of staff. She would do needlepoint during meetings, enjoys Neil Young concerts and has a dry, barbed sense of humor. She likes to garden, spend time at the beach and take care of her dogs, Frank and Maxie.

Knight came to work for Hatch the day after President Clinton took office in January 1993, volunteering her services temporarily after being forced out of her post as a deputy assistant secretary at the Department of Health and Human Services with the change in administrations.

She was hired full-time and worked on Hatch's key health care legislation, including helping to write the 1994 dietary supplement legislation and the first State Children's Health Insurance Program in 1997.

She has been Hatch's chief of staff since 1999, but remained active in health policy, recently helping to negotiate legislation regarding the Food and Drug Administration's regulation of biologic treatments—things like gene therapies, blood and tissue treatments and vaccines.

[From the Desert Morning News, Dec. 15, 2007]

HATCH'S CHIEF OF STAFF STEPPING DOWN
(By Suzanne Struglinski)

WASHINGTON.—Patricia Knight, chief of staff for Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, will leave government service at the end of the year, she told the senator Thursday. Knight started as a volunteer in Hatch's office in 1993, a status that lasted only a few months before she started working on health-care policy. She has been his chief of staff since 1999 but has worked for the federal government since 1973.

"We will miss Trish terribly," Hatch said in a statement. "I know that this is the right time for her, after 34 years serving our country, and I know she will be successful as she moves her career to the private sector."

Hatch said she has been his "right arm for many years" and that the Virginia native

"has done more for the people of Utah and for this country than I think anyone will ever realize."

Knight disagreed with the phrase that she is retiring as she wants to do government consulting or some related work.

She based her decision to leave on the pending enactment of a new law that would bar her as a former Senate staffer from lobbying other Senate offices for a full year. Under current law, she would only be banned from lobbying Hatch's office for a year.

Knight feels the new law, designed to stop the so-called revolving door between congressional offices and lobbying shops, is a little unfair. She said it would limit her from talking to senators and their staff members whom she does not now know.

"It's not like I have a big influence with people I haven't met," Knight said.

Knight said she will miss Hatch's office and working with the people of the state.

"It's going to be different," she said. "I'll be coming at things from a different perspective."

Jace Johnson, Hatch's current legislative director, will become chief of staff, Hatch said.

Johnson and Knight have worked together on issues for several years and "he is well prepared to serve the people of Utah and the country," Hatch said.

"Trish has a reputation as one of the best senior legislative staff members on Capitol Hill. But those who know her well realize that she is the best on the Hill," Hatch said.

Mr. HATCH. I will always be extremely grateful for the service she has rendered. But more than that, she is a dear friend who could always be counted on to tell me the truth. That was really important to me and has always been.

Mr. President, I have been blessed to have superb staff in my 31 years here in the Senate. The devotion staff have to the institution of the Senate is understandable—we are all privileged to serve an institution that embodies the liberty and deliberation among free people that the Senate represents.

But the devotion of staff to a Member is, for me, quite humbling. For 15 years, Trisha Knight has given me and the Senate her expertise, her knowledge, and her advice.

I have been able to rely on her, literally, 24 hours a day during these 15 years. I have depended on her to help me pass landmark legislation, and surmount difficult challenges. I have relied on her advice—even when she felt obliged to tell me what I didn't want to hear.

I have relied, without exception, on her integrity, and I am grateful for every day I have had the pleasure of her good character.

We will all miss Trisha, but I suspect we will be seeing a lot of her in the future. We do have a saying: "Once a Hatch staffer, always a Hatch staffer," and we will expect her to adhere to that rule. And all the other applicable rules and laws, I hasten to add.

So, as the first session of the 110th Congress draws to a close, I hope my colleagues will join me in expressing appreciation for Patricia Knight for her loyalty, her service, her counsel, her sacrifice, and her commitment to good policy.

Let me say I have worked with some wonderful people in my days. I have had some terrific people help me. I have had people who have been loyal, decent, honorable, kind, honest people who have set examples around here and, frankly, every one of them has become a very good friend.

In particular, I love Trisha Knight. I believe she has more than given her best to the Senate, the Congress, and to the Government of the United States of America. I care for her, and I hope she will continue to stay in touch with me and with others in our office because we are going to need her help. We are going to need her advice from time to time. I hope she will always be there for us. I wish Trisha the very best in whatever she chooses to do next. I pray for her continued good health, success, happiness, love, and joy. She is a great one. I have been very privileged to have her with me.

I yield the floor.

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Patricia Knight who is retiring next week after 10 years as Senator HATCH's Chief of Staff and 15 years playing a central role in health policy here in the Senate.

Although, I am sure Senator HATCH will describe her role in his office, and her work on Judiciary Committee and Finance Committee issues, I wanted to rise and acknowledge her contribution to health care policy. For the last 15 years, Ms. Knight has been a constant advocate for improving the health care system. She has played an important role in every piece of device, drug, and supplement legislation that has been enacted. She has not just overseen this development, but participated. My staff and I have enjoyed working with her, as she has made it very clear that she enjoys getting bills enacted.

In the last 3 years as chairman and now ranking member of the HELP Committee, Ms. Knight has worked with my staff on all of the bioterrorism legislation, the biosimilar legislation, and the recently enacted FDA Reform Act. While being Senator HATCH's Chief of Staff, Trish worked tirelessly as she felt that this was important legislation that needed to be done correctly. She helped organize Republican and bipartisan briefings, helped draft and revise language, and encouraged everyone late into the night.

Throughout her interactions she has been a pleasure to work with kind words and funny nicknames for all. I thank her for her service and wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors. Surely, the Senate will miss her.

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, the end of this year brings the loss of one of this body's most talented, dedicated, and accomplished staff members. Patricia Knight, Senator HATCH's longtime chief of staff, is retiring after three decades of distinguished public service to the Senate, House of Representatives, and the Department of Health and Human Services.

I have had the pleasure of working with and knowing Ms. Knight for at

least 13 years. My work with her began when ORRIN HATCH and I teamed up in 1994 to pass the landmark Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act, DSHEA. That legislation, which assured continued consumer access to and better research into dietary supplements, is a testament to Trisha's mastery of health care issues, her commitment to legislating across party lines, and her sharp attention to detail. Truly, without her, there would be no DSHEA today.

For the past nearly 30 years, Trisha Knight has been in the middle of almost every major piece of health legislation enacted into law. From DSHEA to the Children's Health Insurance Program, from the Medicare prescription drug legislation to the FDA Modernization Act, her stamp is on a host of major laws that will endure for many years to come.

Mr. President, the American people owe a debt of gratitude to Patricia Knight. While most may not know her, they know and appreciate the public policies she has helped create. She has worked day and night for many years of public service. And all the while she carried with her a passion for public policy, an unflagging dedication to her bosses and great, sharp wit.

I wish Trisha all the best as she moves on and tip my hat to her for a job well done. She will be missed.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from New Hampshire is recognized.

DEDICATING A NEW HAMPSHIRE POST OFFICE IN HONOR OF CAP- TAIN JONATHAN D. GRASSBAUGH

Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. President, I will speak as in morning business. I thank Senator REED for giving me the opportunity to speak briefly before his remarks in support of legislation that I do hope the Senate will act on today; that is, legislation to dedicate the post office in East Hampton, NH, in honor of Army Ranger CPT Jonathan Grassbaugh, who was killed in action on April 7 this year in Iraq.

Mr. President, on behalf of Hampstead, New Hampshire middle school students, school board officials, board of selectmen, and residents, I rise to honor a fallen hero, United States Army Ranger Captain Jonathan David Grassbaugh, by introducing a bill to designate the United States Postal Service facility at 59 Colby Corner in East Hampstead, NH, as the "Captain Jonathan D. Grassbaugh Post Office."

Jon, as he was called by his family and friends, moved to East Hampstead, NH, from St. Marys, OH, in 1989. He attended Hampstead Central Elementary School and Hampstead Middle School where his mother, Patricia, is principal.

Jon graduated high school from Phillips Exeter Academy, in Exeter, New Hampshire, where he was a four-year honor student in the Class of 1999. Jon

left a remarkable impression on the Phillips Exeter community; remembered for his manifestation of the motto "Non Sibi" or "Not for Oneself," a Latin phrase inscribed on the Academy's seal. Jon exemplified his passion for life through his persistent dedication to his studies, tireless volunteer efforts in school and the local community, and commitment to the Academy's radio station, Grainger Observatory, and the school's Washington Internship Program.

Jon's illustrious high school years were prologue to a promising future, full of infinite potential. Jon enrolled at Johns Hopkins University where he graduated in 2003, earning a bachelor's degree in computer science from the renowned Whiting School of Engineering.

At a young age, Jon's family instilled in him the importance of volunteerism and service to the United States. Jon's father, Mark proudly served three and a half years as an Army Ranger during Vietnam, and his older brother, West Point Alum and Dartmouth Medical School graduate, Army Captain Dr. Jason Grassbaugh, is currently serving as an orthopedic surgeon in Fort Lewis, WA. Jon continued this family tradition of service, joining the Johns Hopkins Army ROTC Program, and eventually becoming battalion commander his senior year. He also became a proud member of the Pershing Rifles fraternal organization, captained the Ranger Challenge Team, and won the national two-man duet drill team competition.

In a storybook setting, Jon met Jenna Parkinson, a freshman ROTC cadet from Boxborough, MA, during his senior year. Jon and Jenna slowly grew closer, watching movies together during spring break, sharing flights to and from school, and attending the military ball. A few short years later, Jon proposed to Jenna on April 30, 2005, and the young couple subsequently married on June 9, 2006, in a Cape Cod ceremony. Prior to their wedding day, Jon and Jenna filled out a questionnaire for their officiate which asked, "Where is a sacred spot, a place where you feel most connected, most at peace and most inspired?" Jon's answer came in three loving words: "With my wife."

Following graduation, Jon completed U.S. Army Ranger School in April 2004 and served his country both at home and abroad. He was assigned to the 7th Cavalry in The Republic of South Korea and served as a member of the Army Hurricane Katrina Relief Team. Later, Jon was assigned to the 5th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division in Fort Bragg, NC, where he and the now U.S. Army 2nd Lieutenant Jenna Grassbaugh would reside.

Shortly after Jon and Jenna were married, he was deployed for a second tour of duty in Iraq. Tragically, on April 7, 2007, Jon was one of four soldiers who died while conducting a combat logistics patrol in Zaganayah, Iraq.

Throughout Jon's distinguished military service, he received a number of accolades and commendations, including: the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Ranger Tab, Combat Action Badge, and Parachutist Badge.

Jon is remembered as a confident and mentally strong leader, whose poise under pressure, intelligence, compassion, and love for God, country and family transcends his passing. His valor on the field of battle was equally as impressive as his undying loyalty to and love for his squadron. One well-known anecdote recalls a combat operation in which Jon had pizza flown by helicopter from 100 kilometers away to where his troops were conducting combat operations in an effort to lift morale. Jon left a legacy that continues to inspire our Nation's future leaders from Hampstead and Exeter, New Hampshire, Johns Hopkins, and those he proudly served beside in Iraq.

On a deep and personal note, for those who had the sincere privilege and honor to meet Jon, it was evident his exuberance for life and new experiences, ingenuity, and academic acumen destined him for greatness. By the time of his death, Jon had achieved more than most individuals do in a lifetime, a testimonial to his family's love and guidance through his young life, and Jenna's warmth and support as he fought for our Nation.

Today, Jonathan Grassbaugh rests in peace at one of our Nation's most hallowed and sacred grounds, Arlington National Cemetery—his rightful place among generations of brave Americans who sacrificed their lives in defense of this country. His loved ones will forever remember him as a loving husband, son, brother, and friend. Let it be known, the citizens of New Hampshire and our Nation are eternally in debt to Jonathan David Grassbaugh, an honorable son of New Hampshire, an American Patriot, and a guardian of liberty.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a copy of the Hampstead, NH, Board of Selectmen's letter of support to dedicate the East Hampstead, NH, Post Office, as the "Captain Jonathan D. Grassbaugh Post Office" be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DECEMBER 12, 2007.

Re Petition of dedication.

DEAR SENATOR SUNUNU: Students of the Hampstead Middle School prepared a petition to support honoring Captain Jonathan Grassbaugh, who gave his life for our country. The petition seeks to honor him by dedicating the East Hampstead, NH, 03826 Post Office in his name.